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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BRUSHES AND DEVICE FOR CUTTING  
BRUSH FIBERS USED THEREBY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Search report of European Patent Office dated October 22, 2001 in related Belgium patent application.

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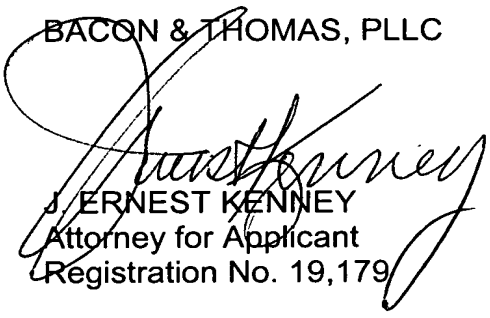
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